Twas the night before Christmas, when all through Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their head

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's map— When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter Away to the window I flew like a fash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below: When, what to my wondering ey should app But a miniature sleigh, and eight t ny reinsleer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and On. Comet! on. Cupid! on. Donder and Blitzen-To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall ! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all !" As dry leaves that before the wild burricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew. With the sleigh full of toys-and St. Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas cause with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot.

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack-His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow. And the beard on his chin was as white a The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly thook, when he laughed, like a bowl ful He was chubby and plump-a right jolly old eif-And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself A wink of his eye, and twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistie-

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drave out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!" A LITTLE FIGURE IN BLACK.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

We were as poor as Job's turkey, or that other mythical creature, a church mouse, and to add to our misfortune, had moved into a strange place, pending the settlement of an estate which, if any poorer. I had made the change in you.—Detroit Free Press order to get mother away from the sad associations of her loss, and thinking to secure the winter school for myself; it

seen us at church, where we sat in a ing, however, that cash sales meant, acback pew and had "poor" and cording to San Francisco usage, pay- ing of which is an old Christmas cere-"stranger" written all over us in un-ment on the day a steamer sailed, which mony. The Scandinavian ancestors of mistakable characters. Our reception was semi-monthly, they availed themroom was parlor, library and kitchen; selves of this credit. Subsequently they to kindle large bonfires in honor of but when I introduced him to mother, bought on sixty day's time. sitting there so dignified and lady-like But while they were willing to so far formerly observed in England with in her sorrowful widowhood, I felt a adopt an American custom as to buy on pomp and circumstance. clothes. What were these paltry things They were so cautious as to regard as services, a huge log, sometimes a rug-

lyte; he was kind without being to the merchant: hygienic point; then he hinted, rather supply me with that number?" than asked to know, if Mrs. A., B. or C. had done themselves the pleasure of calling upon us,

I presumed that these ladies were shining lights in the church; no, they had not so honored us. Did we know ber?" our neighbors? I smiled, rather superciliously, I am afraid, for he was looking at a house across the way, that was occupied by at least three families!

muslin curtains, between which we had dray." often seen a child's small sleek head inserted, "you would like her very much; very pretty, but hard on the Main she is a wash-lady!"

Nothing but his "cloth," as lather used one very fashionable dry goods house to express it, saved him from my spoken was compelled to buy a broom this indignation. "Wash-lady!" "No, we week, a thing they hadn't done in years. didn't have the honor of her acquaint- - Evansville Argus. ance," I said, "neither had the ash-man nor the scrub lady called yet."

It was pert and hateful, but did he know that we belonged to the old New York? I was boiling over with inby the calm smile with which the good o'clock the next day. Buch was ser man elaborated on the merits of the for, "I must have a wig made befo "wash-lady."

"She belongs to a family," he said, as comedian. reading my very thoughts, "which is family of the gentle Nazarene; her life for years she took care of an mfirm and theatre this evening." paralytic father and an invalid husband, and earned the money that supported them; every day she thanks God for the are wasting your time now." health and strength that have kept her gies to educating her little girl, that she may be able to support herself with ease and respectability. I am not active may be able to support herself with the wig complete.

"What is your bill?" inquired incomplete. quainted with a lady I respect more

heartily than Mrs. Simpson." When he had delivered this eulogy he maker. left, and in a few days other members of the church called, and we were invited to a Dorcas society and a vestry in three or four hours." never tell an actor you can't make a wig sociable, but somehow we did not care to emerge from obscurity, and lived quietly for ourselves, happier even in our loneliness than under the patronage

of these good commonplace reople. a-weary, and by degrees I fell to watching a swift little figure in black running izing. It gives many people an excuse the sentry, giving the word correctly enough. When half way between the sentries a sound on the outside of the sentries a sound on the outside of the sentries as sound on the sentre sen some seamstress, I thought, that has ample means avoid their full obligation while endeavoring to investigate the glance to the pale, wistful face of a little child pressed against the window-pane, the child of the wash-lady whom I had the child of the wash-lady whom I had are put in by children but when I see the child of the wash-lady whom I had are put in by children, but when I see his utmost endeavors, he could not renever seen. Well, if the mother was the dimes and nickels I say 'Here come member the word. "Can't pass withrough and brawny, the child was deli- the army of mean men.' We ought out the word," was all the reply given watching her, I got to making signs and and it is my duty to say that if you trying to coax her over—she was alone don't do better in this respect than you prevail. The sentries, not knowing but so much I pitied her—but she never have done, I shall not permit you to that he was testing them, and rather ename. I would hold up a book of have a collection at all." (Laughter.) pictures, or place a flower on the window-sill, and she would smile and clap her little hands, but never came, a little boy, being locked in an unused and at last I, one of the old Knicker- room as punishment for some slight bocker line, crept across the street on fault, was attacked by sewer-rats, over-Christmas evening in the dusk, and ran powered and nearly killed before assistance arrived, summoned by his np to the "wash-lady's" room to ask cries. The terror and pain have made child. I rapped on the door and it was will never recover.

JET - W STOCKEN

opened quickly by the little woman in black, the seamstress, as I supposed. "Oh!" I said, rather confusedly, "I suppose her mother has not come home

yet; I came over to see if I could borrow the little girl !" "Come in," said the little woman; "you have been very kind to notice her

of you; come here, Mabel.' "But-but," I stammered, "are you task to feed them all. her mother-the-the-" "Washwoman! Yes: do not be afraid

laughed, rather sadly, I thought. I hid my confused face over Mabel, lap. She was a lovely child, but so potatoes they would eat. delicate, so frail, that the blue veins was the woman, whose society I had made. how could she wash? such hard, dis- neatness and order. agreeable work. Later, she told me that it was all she could do.

house. As they sat at dinner the "I dare say our minister has told stranger, looking at the hungry chilest child of a Southern clergyman, and ately: brought up to do nothing and know nothing useful. Look at these hands- bear !" almost parboiled, ain't they? Well, they've been a fortune to me."

Poor little wrinkled hands! I am mean?" naturally impulsive, and I took them both and pressed my lips to them, he that !" replied the stranger, adding roic hands! and the next moment we bitterly: "I have but two, and each were sobbing in each other's arms. Shades of the Knickerbockers and Van Rensselaers! We went into part- with decision. nership that very winter, and X the fine starching and ironar hired a boy to carry the clothes hom Mabel stayed with mother, who gave noble art of obedience. Isn't that so, her lessons, and took her out walking

every day for her health; Mrs. Simpson-Virginia, as we soon learned to And filled all the stockings-then turned with a call her - thrived on companionship, and that winter of servitude was but the seven youngsters shouted the happiest of my life. In the spring "Yes, dear father, truly." I was offered a position as organist, not day to bring the good news that we had one too many?" won the estate! And how we laughed

handsome Tom hang out the clothes. But it was the last we did, and to-day Virginia-that is she practicing Beethknown; he was the saintly pastor Oberoven's Sonatas in the next room-is my we gained it, would give us a compesister; and come here, you blessed little tency, and if we lost could not leave us romp of a Mabel till your auntie hugs

"You Pay Me!" that case I should have lost the school ly Yankee methods of doing business, "Jul" or "Yule." The name is sup--what? Well, I would not and use such as promise them any ad-

superiority to grand furniture or fine credit, they declined to sell on time. in such a presence as here, the grand, true woman who had put all the world a jug—the handle on one side and that from the woods with much merriment. The minister was a simple, child-like dote, told in the "Recollections of an hat in honor of the venerable black-log, man, who carried himself with the air of Old Pioneer," illustrates this excessive

bearing the cross. He did not dese- A San Francisco merchant thought he crate his holy office by asking imperti- would buy up all the rice in the city. nent questions, nor did he seek to prose- Going to a Chinese rice-house, he said

condescending, and talked pleasantly of "Suppose I should wish to purchase the advantages of the place from a two thousand bags of rice, could you Christmas. When the fire was kindled,

"Yes, me sell you that number." "Could you sell me four thousand?" "Yes, me sell you four thousand." "If I should conclude to take six

"Yes, me sell you six thousand." "Would you give me any time?" "Me know you one very rich Melican merchant. Me give you time. You "You ought to know Mrs. Simpson," pay me one-half when the rice is weighed, he said, indicating a room with white and the other half when it is on the

THE new fashion of short dresses is street clerks. They have to sweep off Heavens! had we come down to this? | the sidewalks every morning now, and

How Sothern Got a Wig.

When Sothern played the "Crushed similar catastrophe. The following is a Knickerbockers and Van Rensselaers of Tragedian" in Philadelphia for the first record of the most disastrons theatre time his wig was stolen from his dress- fires of modern times: jured pride, which was not soothed any by the cole, which was not soothed any The loss was not discovered until three seven o'clock this evening," said th

"It is impossible," replied th eighteen hundred years old, even the perruquier, "to-day is Christmas an "It is not. Fix your own price f has been one of heroic self-abnegation; your work, but have the wig at the

"But, Mr. Sothern—"
"It must be there," interrupted t actor. "I shall depend upon it, Yo up; she is now devoting her sole energies to educating her little and that her little

"What is your bill?" inquired "Thirty-five doliars," replied the wig-

The Contribution Box, Beecher asked for a collection in aid of So it happened, that much of my time the Women's Sewing Society of the was spent at the window where, like church. While the baskets were passing pass without giving the sign. The Lieu-Mariana of the Moated Grange, I was he said: "I dislike to take a collection tenant on his round of inspection passed in and out from the house opposite— for evading their duty. Many men of the sentres a sound on the outcome, and, seen better days, and from her I would by putting in a ten-cent or a five-cent matter, the word quite slipped his memcate and dainty enough to be a lady, never to take a collection here of less him. Returning to the first sentry he and somehow, from looking at and than \$1,000, and from that to \$5,000,

A MANIAC. -In an Erie, Pa., school

A Happy Home,

[From the German.] A pretty story about a German family discloses the secret of a happy home, of human nature. Green boughs were wherein joy aboundeth, though there used by the Jews at the Feast of Taberna-

are many to feed and clothe. A teacher once lived in Strassburg who had hard work to support his family.

heart sunk had he not trusted in his English peasantry, not two hundred tiations,

One day there came a guest to the

Poor man, what a cross you have to "I? I a cross to bear!" asked the

father, wonderingly; "what do you

"Nine children, and seven boys at one of them is a nail in my coffin." " Mine are not." said the teacher,

children ?"

"Yes," cried the children. "And you obey me willingly?" The two little girls laughed roguishly,

Then the father turned to the guest a pecuniary emolument, but better than and said: "Sir, if death were to come ironing, but I would not dissolve part- in at that door, waiting to take one of nership with my washlady, and one day my nine children, I would say," and we were both in the suds when brother here he pulled off his velvet cap and Tom came hurrahing in, having left his hurled it at the door, "Rascal, who own drudgery and traveled night and cheated you into thinking that I had

The stranger laughed; he saw that it over the rest of the wash, and made the was only disobedient children that make a father unhappy. One of the nine children of the poor school teacher afterward became widely

The Yule Log.

The ancient Goths and Saxons observed a festival at the winter-solstice. As it celebrated the turning-point of Thor. The transmitted custom was

On Christmas eve, after the religious side turned towards them. An anecwhich was destined to support a fire that would crackle a welcome to all

guests and burn out ancient feuds. Formerly the custom was for each member of the family to sit in turn on the log, after it was rolled to the hearth,

sing a Yule song and drink a merry large Christmas candles were lighted and the sports began. The log was kept burning till Candlemas, Feb. 2d, and a small portion of it was carefully preserved to light the Yule log of the next thousand, could you supply that numtoms in the following stanzas:

"Come bring with a noise My merry, merry boys, The Christmas log to the firing: While my good dame she

Bids you all be free, And drink to your heart's desiring. "With the last year's brand Light the new block, and

For good success in his spending, On your psalteries play That sweet luck may Come while the log is a teending.

A Record of Theatre Disasters. The loss of life by the burning of the Ring Theatre in Vienna will probably be found to be as great as that at any

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69	1772 Amsterdam
nt	1772 Saragossa
re	1781 Paris, Palais Boyal
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he	1794 Pisino Istria
	1807 London, Sadler's Wells (false alarm)
he	1811 Richmond, Va
	1846 Quebec, Royal Theatre
nd	1853 London, Coberg Theatre (false
23.77)	alarm)
or	1865 Edinburg, Theatre Royal
	1867 Philadelphia, American Varieties.
he	1876 Brooklyn Theatre
	1876 Rouen, Theatre des Arts
	1876 San Francisco, Chinese Theatre
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mo	1878 Calais, France
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Statistics supplied to the Insurance

night. The average age of theatres which have been burned was twentytwo years.

Forgetting the Password. Numberless amusing instances might On Sunday morning Henry Ward password. Two sentries were mounting guard inside the walls of the prison at F-, one to each angle, with strict or-ders to detain any one attempting to was challenged as before, but, as he could not give the word, was not allowed | stand?" joying the joke, if the truth must be told, proved obdurate to all persuasion. Here, then, he was kept all night between the two, shivering and cold, till

> Chamberz' Journal. ornaments for rooms.

Christmas Evergreens.

The use of evergreens and flowers as A PATHETIC STORY OF IRELAND. a means of decoration seems an instinct In our party, writes Mr. Locke, was an American gentleman who was blessed cles, and the Romans ornamented their with an abundance of boys, but no girls, temples and houses with them, during and he and his wife had been contem- ly treated by Dr. Barety, of Nice, by the Feast of Saturn. The ancient plating the adoption of a girl. Here so much, and she has grown really fond His chief joy in life, however, was in Druids hung green branches and the was an opportunity to secure not only his nine children, though it was no light mistletoe over the doors as a propitiation a girl, but just the kind of a girl that to the woodland sprites. A survival of he would have given half his estate to His brain would have reeled and his this superstition was found among the be father of; and so he opened nego- to the gallon. to say it; you see I am not," and she heavenly Father when he thought of years ago. They hung up evergreens An Irishman who knew him explained

Parental Love.

the number of jackets, shoes, stockings in their cottages, in the belief that the to the father and mother that the genand dresses they would use in the course sylvan sprites would flock thereto, and tleman was a man of means; that his who was easily persuaded to sit in my of a year, and the quantity of bread and so the boughs would remain unnipped wife was an excellent, good woman, by the frosts till a milder season. The and that the child would be regu-His home, too, was very close quar- English custom of decking houses and ularly adopted under the laws of the could be traced on her temples and ters for the many beds and cribs, to say churches with evergreens at Christmas State in which he lived, and would be hands with threatening distinctness, nothing of the room required for the springs, therefore, from an ancient educated, and would rank equally with and she was as light as a bird. So this noise and fun which the merry nine practice and a human instinct. The his own children in the matter of inherfavorite plants are holly, bay, rosemary, itance, and all that. In short, she was disdained, this gentle, patient, lady- But father and mother managed very laurel and ivy. Objection was formerly made to understand that Norah would like, almost girlish woman; but then, well, and the house was a pattern of made to the use of ivy in church decora- be reared a lady. tions on account of its associations with Then the American struck in. Sh the orgies in honor of Bacchus. The the mother, might select a girl to acmistletoe was also excluded because it company the child across the Atlantic, was the plant most intimately associated and the girl selected should go into his

very briskly

girl stood weeping.

started for the door.

there is in Ameriky!"

"I can't part widher !"

but ye can't have the child."

American stopped the disrobing.

clothes under false pretenses, but the

"It's bad for the child," he said

'but somehow I can't blame you. You

And he left as fast as he could, and I

noticed he was busy with his handker-

chief about his eyes for some minutes.

Barnum and Liquor Licenses.

habitants, and the license fixed nomin-

creased largely. The reduction of the

number of saloons would have an excel-

He adds : "It is quite safe to say that

the city would be enhanced as much as

creased in our Commonwealth."

comforts, -Oil City Derrick.

Didn't Appreciate Heme Comforts.

than \$20,000.

are welcome to the clothes, though."

and snatched the baby from his arms,

"Drop the child!" said the father.

church the mistletoe was the popular its parents. Britons the mistletoe was held in great | gle. On the one hand was the child's veneration. It was gathered with mystic advantage, on the other parental and solar force alone. rites from the oak on which it had maternal love, grown, and then, divided into small Finally a conclusion was strived at.

pieces, distributed among the people. They hung up the sprays over their dwellings as a propitiation to and at be good to her." shelter for the woodland deities, during on of frost. Even as late as the th century a piece of mistletoe aspended from the neck was supposed | lected to act as nurse was the mother's

fluence of witches. In modern times the mistletoe has a to a haberdasher's and purchased an than any galvanometer to feeble cur- at both as if a single dash would route endency to attract men toward witches outfit for her. He put shoes and stock- rents. M. Pellat lately declared that Lee's left wing. One historian locates of a fairer face and more amiable nature. ings on her, which was a novel experition the heat necessary to warma kilogramme this stone wall "midway up the hill," A branch of the mystic plant is at ence, and a pretty little dress, and a of water one degree would, if converted A branch of the mystic plant is at ence, and a pretty little dress, and a of water one degree would, it converted it." It is at the base of the hill, and Christmas hung from the ceiling. If little hat with a feather in it, and a little properly into the energy of electric curhardly long enough to cover one briany man or boy can by coaxing or sash and all that sort of thing, and he unning induce a fair girl to come under procured shoes and stockings for the an audible sound for 10,000 years conthe spray, he is entitled to kiss her, elder girl, a tidy dress and hat and tinually. Gossip does report that maidens have shawl, and so forth. And then he been known to pass on purpose under brought them back, instructing the mother that he should leave with them the salute-provoking branch.

Among the old Christmas carols may for Cork the next morning at eleven, be found some in praise of the ever- and that the girl and child should be greens used in decorations. Of the dressed and ready to depart. holly it is said :

"Here comes holly that is no gent, To please all men is his intent, Allelujah?" The ivy is praised in these lines : "Ivy is soft and meek of speech.

Against all bale she is bliss. Well is be that may her reach." Carrying Pure Air in a Knapsack. Successful experiments have been carried on by Mr. Warrington Smythe, at the New Seaham Colliery, near Newwas one day too late, but it might as The Chinese have been called the the year, or the day when the sun bewell have been a hundred years, only in Yaukees of the East. They learn rapid- gan its northern journey, they named it the Fleuss breathing apparatus. The the Fleuss breathing apparatus. The and gave it the final emorate and the limportance of this invention will at long, loving kiss, the father took her in although he might have thought the limbor that the Irish Brigade made its heroic \$5 for her, too. have suffered from either hunger or vantages. When Chinese merchants Gothic giul or hiul, the origin of the suffocation run by firemen and those any way acquainted with the risks from first arrived in San Francisco, they word "wheel," and bearing the same employed under ground, where poison-One day the minister called. He had made their purchases for cash. Learn-signification. The name is preserved in ous fumes are so liable to break forth machine men can work without danger

under all these inimical conditions. The apparatus has the size and shape of a soldier's knapsack, its principal portion being a case of sheet copper, twelve inches long, twelve inches wide, and two and a half inches deep. The case is in-ternally divided into four longitudinal compartments, fitted up so as to secure the complete circulation through them of the air that has been robbed of its oxygen by passage through the lungs. Each compartment is fitted with small cubes of India rubber sponge, coated with specially prepared caustic soda. The air that passes from the lungs of the man fitted with the apparatus passes through one side of a monthpiece and down the corresponding short length of pipe over his left shoulder to the first compartment of the case. There it goes through a finely-balanced valve, which gives way to the softest breath passing from the mouth, but is immovable to anything from the inside of the case. The partition of the first compartment fits closely up to the top of the case, but This arrangement thus permits the re-

is about one inch open at the bottom, spired air to pass down the first chamber and to enter the second the bottom. Here it circulates to the top, where an inch opening in the next partition gives it passage into the third compartment, which it descends, to find a similar outlet at the bottom into the fourth chamber. Rising to the head of this compartment, the air thus purified from the deleterious matter that it has carried from the lungs passes through a valve into a pipe laid over the right shoulder of the operator. Oxygen is added by means of a small pipe that runs from the cylinder at the bottom of the case, and finds its opening close to the junc- town and the price increased. Refertion of the clean air-pipe and the before mentioned India-rubber bag. This latring to his own town of Bridgeport, with a population of 30,000, he says there are ter performs the part of a reservoir of pure and properly oxygenated air, and by its presence the act of breathing is are sold, each paying \$100, or \$20,000 endered easy and natural. In fact, the all told. If the number could be remove about in the midst of poisonous gases is the capacity of the oxygen cylinder and the individual's physical ability revenue would, in his judgment, be inally at \$300 and put up at auction, the to carry the copper knapsack about with him. The capacity of the cylinders at present in use is one-fourth of a cubic foot, and as the oxygen is pumped in under pressure of sixteen atmospheres, they hold four cubic feet of gas. The supply, which can be regulated through the medium of a valve, is calculated to last for a four hours' shift of work, although no man employed under such conditions of danger as require its use is

lent effect upon property interests. He says he can point out places in Bridgeport where a single liquor shop injures property in the immediate vicinity more kept at labor more than three hours, An essential portion of the apparatus is the mask, to which is attached a mouthpiece screwed on one side to the pure-air pipe and India-rubber bag, and on the other to the pipe conveying the expired air back to the compartment in

the knapsack case-Rubber Era.

He Explained. 'Now, then, Mr. Cashmere, are you 36 per cent, have occurred during the ever going to get those trowsers done?' exclaimed the promising youth hurriedly, entering the establishment of his favorite tailor.

"They'll be done to-morrow, sir." replied the gentleman of fits quietly. "That's what you said yesterday." "Exactly!"

"Well, isn't this to-morrow?" "Certainly not !" "Well, wasn't to-day to-morrow resterday ?" "It was, but it isn't to-morrow to-

"Well, when in creation will tomorrow be, then? "Don't you know?"

"Do you remember the last suit I made you?" "Yes." "You remember when I called for my money you always said you would pay

to-morrow. I discovered then that tomorrow never comes. Do you under-The youth sought the street, and by nights in succession, to take care of the it was quite evident that he did.

DIDN'T CARE. -In the examination ing of the peril in which the occupants np to the "wash-lady's" room to ask her humbly for the loan of her little him a maniac, and it is feared that he cries. The terror and pain have made the latest novelies in Japanese hanging of the peril in which the occupants were, and that he said he "Didn't care," as he "didn't have to sleep in the build-lings," will never recover. ings."

SMALL BITS OF SCIENCE.

A GERMAN chemist, Dr. Schal, has established the useful fact that wood

paraffine is preserved from rot. According to a French medical journal whooping cough has been successfulturpentine vapor. Ir is said that benzine may be freed

well with quicklime, about three ounces In preparing phosphor brass, about one-tenth of one per cent, of dry phosphorus is introduced into the melted metal (good red brass) in a covered cru-

from all offensive odor by shaking it up

invented a loom in which the shuttle is not thrown, but is handed over from side to side by hook, much in the same manner as the silk-loom handles.

To UTILIZE old rubber the pieces are heated in contact with steam, when the sulphur is volatilized and the caoutchouc melts, and is collected as a liquid, used in preparing water-proof covers, etc. SEVERAL years ago Ericsson predicted

you," she said, "that I was the young- dren about the table, said compassion- with the heathenish rites of the Druids, family as the child's nurse, and the that the Nile and the Ganges would be Though excommunicated from the child should be reared in the religion of lined with cotton and other factories driven by solar heat. A French engiplant for decorating English homes. The father and mother consulted long neer in Algiers is already contributing plank road to Salem Church and Chan-When Druidism was the religion of the and anxiously. It was a terrible strug- to the fulfillment of this prediction by pumping water and making it boil by Brame recommends the use of baryta

in place of sodium-carbonate and char- wall had not been there the hill was yet "God help me," said the mother. coal in the ordinary dry test for arsenic, too steep for soldiers to climb. But the "You shall have her. I know you will If arsenious oxide is heated with bartya wall was there, and behind it was a a mirror is obtained existing partly of brigade of Confederate infantry. I was promptly raised to just that amount. Then the arrangements were pushed metallic arsenic and partly of barium regular American arsenate. The test does not ee. The girl se-well with arsenious sulphide. EVERY one knows that the very feeblest | the town were digging out bullets where to guard the wearer from the baleful insister, a comely girl of twenty. The currents produce audible sounds in the thousands had been found before, the currents produce audible sounds in the the wall been carried the hill could not thousands had been found before. Had American took the child and rushed out telephone, which is more sensitive have been, but Sumner dashed his men

rents, suffice to produce in a telephone

· Well-Selected Jury.

THE SHREWDNESS OF AN ARKANSAS LAW-

The Little Rock Gazette says: Down in an extremely rural district of Arkan- ated the most terrible slaughter as the The next day came, and the American went for his child. She was dressed, has, an old man was arrested for steal- troops rushed across the open space, though very awkwardly. The mother ing a hog. The proof was positive, and and as they came within stone's throw though very awkwardly. The mother ing a hog. The proof was positive, and of the wall the musketry swept whole had never had any experience in dressing children, and it was a wonder that of not guilty was introduced. The wall is a street a hundred feet wide leadhis arms and kissed her, and the other defense stepped over the bounds of charges. children looked on astounded, while the judicial courtesy, said nothing. The dashed at the stone wall again and arguments were concluded, leaving in again, but never to reach it. That "Good-by," said the American. "I the minds of the people no doubt as to might when the roll was called only one "Good-by," said the American. "I the minds of the people no doubt as to man out of three answered to his name, will take good care of the baby," and the verdict, for one of the witnesses, a The rest were lying dead in the dusty taking her from the mother's arms he man whose word no one could dispute, lane, Along this lane, nearest to that swore that he saw the defendant when stone wall, you can sit on your horse There was a shrick, the woman darted to him just as he was closing the door, and, after a few moments, returned a bullet holes in sheds and houses. verdict of not guilty, in exact opposi-

tion to the charge of the Court. "You can't have her for all the money | When the Court adjourned, the judge approached the lawyer for the defense charge the hill, and when they came

"No, sor," ejaculated the mother, and remarked : half way between fainting and hysterics. "Look here, my friend, I never heard of such a verdict. I cannot, as an impartial disseminator of justice, allow so partial disseminator of justice, allow so And she commenced undressing the this community. That man is as guilty worst spectacle of the whole war. Our prattler couldn't walk without assistant artillery created horrible slaughter on and suffered much inconvenience are "Take back your beautiful clothes, give me back the tags that was on her, as Judas, but if you will tell me the secret of the acquittal, I'll allow the ver-And the girl commenced undressing diet to pass."

too, for she did not want to obtain "You see, judge, some of the jurymen were rather young and some rather "Yes, but what does that signify?" "It signifies that I run in the old

man's twelve sons on the jury." Well Served.

It is singular how men will lie in order to shift a burden from their own to an- saw a curious thing that day. When POINTING OUT THE ADVANTAGE OF RE- other's shoulder. A servant being dis- Sumner was driven back the second STRICTING THE NUMBER AND INCREAS- missed for some grievous fault, asked time a single Federal soldier was left on for a "character." His master wrote him one, which was so commendatory of falling back with the rest, he stood there and loaded and fired as coolly as P. T. Barnum has addressed a letter | that the man said, with a touch of sar- if at target practice. He wounded one to the Commission of the Revision of casm: "Don't you think you had better man in my company, killed a corporal the Liquor Laws of Connecticut, ap- hire over again a servant who has such further up the hill and shot a lieutenproving the suggestion made by the a 'character'?" A church was once ant there where the wall curves. He Hon. William Hamenly, that the numtaught a similar lesson in veracity: ber of licenses shouldbe limited in each

The church of a Maine town, after he turned and walked away, our men much discussion over tea-cups and the ceased firing and gave him cheer after counters of the country stores, decided cheer," to dismiss Deacon X. from membership. No especial misdemeanor could be brought against him, but a general only limit to the space of time during duced to sixty, or one to every 500 in- of causing gossip and of being uncommonly stiff-necked, made the good folks anxious to be relieved of him.

The matter was brought up before the church, and as no crime was charged rium, the only port from which the Virupon him, Deacon X. insisted upon receiving a letter of recommendation.

Elated perhaps by the present of being rid of the troublesome member, the of it as one of the few outposts or forts clerk of the parish wrote a very pleas. in the colony. In 1725 it was the center ant letter, commending the brother to

on the average each liquor saloon depreof the faith to which the letter might with its House of Burgesses and growcome. with its House of Burgesses and growing college, attracting thither the wisciates adjacent property \$5,000, to say nothing about the injustice of thus in-Imagine the consternation of the conjuring the property of those who pay gregation when at the next churchtaxes for the protection of their person meeting Deacon X, presented his letter had escaped the ravages of war on the and property. It is evident that if of recommendation and insisted upon Bridgeport had but sixty liquor saloons, being received back again ! And he was, instead of 200, the taxable real estate of

\$700,000, and pro 250,000. If the number of licenses in Bridgeport was fixed at thirty, being one liquor saloon lowed home by a man she had never seen for each thousand inhabitants (enough before, she naturally was frightened in all conscience) the financial advan- and left the fellow to her mother, who tages to the public would be at least had opened the door. Under such cirtwice as great as above indicated, to say cumstances the ordinary mother usually nothing of the incressed peace and slams the door in a frightened sort of prosperity of our city. I have confined | way and hurries to the parlor window to myself to the money phase of the ques-tion only, although it is obvious that blinds to see what sort of an animal it is this is of comparative insignificance that has broken loose. But what the Harper's Magazine. when the great moral advantages of re- Brooklyn mother did was to invite the ducing the number of drinking places nuisance into the house and pretended are considered. I am perfectly confi- to send for her daughter, to whom the dent that if our Legislature will try for fellow had asked to be introduced. a single year the limiting of liquor li- First, however, she rang her burglar says: St. Jacobs Oil strikes heavy blows censes to one for each thousand inhab- alarm. Results-A policeman, an ar- for good all around, and its virtues for itants, the good results in one twelve- rest, a night in the station house and a month will be so palpable that the ratio ten-dollar fine, but no introduction to of drinking places will never be in- the lady. If there were more of such women there would be fewer complaints about insolent men. Women should resuch cases in their own hands, for a A young man advertised for a private man who in any way annoys a lady is pain, and, perhaps, death. No family is safe boarding-house where he would be sure to be a sneak and a coward. - New treated as one of the family. He got it. York Herald.

But after he had stayed home fourteen By way of apology for allowing a the gentle slam he gave the front door baby, had been utilized cold mornings woman passenger to retain her money, to build the fire, found himsalf minus one of the perpetrators of the recent towels eight or nine times, on which occasions he wiped his hards and face on next time we undertake a job of this before Coroner Herrman into the fall of his night shirt, and several other things kind we will have a lady to search the the gray dawn appeared, when he was relieved by the change of guard.—

South Fifth arrows New York N South Fifth avenue, New York, it was couraged and left, while the rest of the shown that the owner had ample warning of the peril in which the couraged and left, while lie of the peril in which the course of the peril in which the peril in

than ill-nature.

through the ranks, and yet the blue

lines closed up again and dashed at the

base of the hill. We thought they

"Down where the old shed stands I

his feet among the dead there, Instead

fired as many as six shots, being fired

were mad men.

The scene of the surrender has long been a much-neglected spot. Yorktown is not reached by railway, and is off the line of progress. Some day it may revive its old-time prosperity; at least it ought to become more accessible as a point for future pilgrimage. Before the Revolution the town was quite an empo-Elated, perhaps, by the prospect of two centuries or more ago we first hear of a thriving county-an Episcopal parthe good-fellowship of whatever church ish of sixty communicants, with a church. Williamsburg, the capital, scarce a dozen miles away. Until Cornwallis stationed himself there, Yorktown Virginia coast, and after its surrender it still contained about seventy houses, not more than two or three having been A Brooklyn lady was recently fol- its population, more than half of which was composed of negroes, numbering about 800 souls. The last war, it need

hardly be said, left it in a depressed conlition, almost beyond recovery, and toitants, among whom are to be found but few descendants of the ancient proprie-tors. In fact, it seems to be the lot of Yorktown that the more it becomes a historical spot, the less it becomes anything else, - Henry P. Johnston, in

STEEL BEADS are passe, all others are THE NEBRASKA CITY (Neb.) Press

hand. Try it, all ye who suffer. ZEAL, IF not heeded, is more vicious INDULGENT parents who allow their children member that it is perfectly safe to take to eat hearthy of high-seasoned food, rich pies, such cases in their own hands for a vent indigestion, sleepless nights.

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A CHARGE AT FREDERICKSBURG. Why Should Americans Interest Themselves in Irish Matters ? A Story of the War as Told by M

Quad,

Sumner was on Burnside's right -

charge. The Federal's charged Marye's

Hill when they could have flanked it-

moved. The Confederate artillery had

and puts "hosts of the enemy behind

50,000 men all told to defend his entire

lines. Less than 2,000 Confederates

Marve's Hill and this stone wall were

the objects of Sumner's dash, but his

men got no nearer than 200 feet to the

wall. The artillery on the heights cre-

it to-day against 10,000,

It is at the base of the hill, and

Hooker thought there were 30,-

every one of them is earning money. They are in every walk in life, from the Longstreet faced him on Lee's left. Franklin was no sooner repulsed on the professions down to railroad shoveling eft than Sumner was ordered to attack and servants in kitchens. The wealthy on the right. The key of the Confedhave, of course, brought their families ton Light Infantry of Charleston, S. erate right was a hill which could be defended against the world. The key fatherland. But the vast army of hand-brance of their comrades, by whose lifeof the Confederate left was just such workers, male and female, cannot do blood they are hallowed, and with the another place. Jackson held the one-Longstreet the other. From the battle lines formed under cover of the houses and walls, men looked across the open commons to Marye's Hill and realized that perhaps not one out of five would the love that every Irish man and woman South, would be unbecoming." live to cross the space, but when the order came every man was ready. It bears his kindred, and the infernal grip was a terrible blunder to push those of his iron hand is upon the heart legions against such a position. The Confederates charged Rond Top at Getstrings of every girl in every kitchen and every laborer in America. ysburg in the desperation of despair.

I used to wonder why the Biddy in my kitchen came to me regularly once a month for a draft for the full half of while in motion. was gain all or lose all by that one her wages to send to the old country. when defeat was assured before a man I wondered why she did not save he a direct fire from sixteen different money against the day she married. that she might not come to her husband points, and at the foot and at the slopes empty-handed.

of the hill there were enough infantry I found the reason in Ireland. Biddy to hold it against the grandest army could not see her father and mother turned out into the cold for the non-Look there to-day and you can find payment of the infamous rent, and so every point and particular. Over the her money, which should have stayed rest or top of the hill runs the old in America, and be finally used in building a home of her own, went regularly cellorsville. At the base of the hill, across the Atlantic to help them out. But the infernal ingenuity of the souland bearing around it to the left, is the Telegraph Road. Along this latter road is a stone wall four feet high, built against the base of the hill. If that less grinders permitted it to do them very little good. For when an agent found than an Irish boy or girl was assisting his or her family, it took him very little time to discover the amount of the regular remittances and the rent

A Story of Paris.

A stranger enters the shop of obliging grocer: Stranger-Owing to the extortions of the gas companies I have about determined to light my premises with candles, only, you see, I am at a loss to

decide what to select. I want something realy good, you know. Grocer-Certainly, sir! Step this way a moment, sir! You can see for yourself, sir! (Lights fifteen different sorts of candles and places them on the counter.) Stranger (after having walked up and held the wall, and 2,000 men can hold

down before them for five minutes, with his chin in his hand, immersed in deep reflection)—Well, I guess on the whole prefer the gas! Good afternoon! (Exit hurriedly!) Grocer-Hurling a bar of soap after

In Michigan.—An incident related by the Rev. William Herbert Smyth, of Port Austen, Michigan, a home misshe did not get the dress on wrong side lawyer for the defense, a man well ing up from the town. Up this sionary whose circuit embraces a part up. But there she was. The mother known for his trickery rather than his affording no cover whatever, the Feder- of the burnt district, forcibly illustrates up. But there she was. The mother wailed as one who was parting with everything that was dear to her, the everything that was dear to her, the everything that was dear to her, the schedule and monard, looking from father lay and monared, looking from Norah to the American. Time was up.

Would not go back, and while the artillary above had a plunging fire on them, fell on her knees, held up the bill in her the infantry behind the uniform with the infantry with the sould not go back, and while the artillary he gave \$5, he adds: "In a moment she lery above had a plunging fire on them, fell on her knees, held up the bill in her the infantry behind the was up. The mother took the baby in her arms enced man, agreed to every juryman them down with the scythe of death. In of you; then begged me to take half ten minutes Sumner was hurled back; the amount and give it to a poor neighbut he charged again, and it was now bor a mile away, but fortunately I had

Rather Enthusiastic.

The Wilmington (Del.) Daily Repub lican lately contained the following item of popular interest: Dr. J. F. Speck. who is connected with the Wilmington Every Evening, speaks rather enthusi-astically of St. Jacobs Oil. Dr. Speck states that he uses the Oil in his family as a household remedy, a sort of univer-"I was sergeant of a gun which was sal panacea for all aches and pains, and tationed just there," said an ex-Confedhas always found it to act most happily. srate to me, as we faced the height. His attention was called to it by 'We did not believe the Federals would many testimonials in its favor, and he one day used it upon himself for sore the second time we cheered them. Such throat. Two applications were sufficient bravery I never saw on a battle field. flagrant an outrage to be perpetrated on feet of the wall. This road was the of one leg much contracted. The little the heavy lines of men at such close pain. Several applications of St. Jacobs range. That tree down there at the Oil restored the limb to its normal cor corner of the garden stood in an open dition and she has not experienced any field then, and just beyond it was a trouble since. Dr. Speek states that slight swell. As Sumner's troops came he has also seen the Oil act charmingly over that swell in their second charge I in toothache. He thinks St. Jacobs fired into the lines just to the right of Oil is a sterling remedy, and does not the tree, and the shell killed or woundhesitate to recommend it for rheumaed nearly every man in one company. tism, etc. I saw grape and canister open lanes

Too Long courtships are not always judicious. The partys often tire skoreing 'fore the trot begins,

Get Ready for the Holidays. Sheppard Knapp, the great Carpet man, cor. 6th ave. and 13th street, New York, has been wide-awake enough to capture an enormous importation of Lace Curtains, comprising all grades, for less than half the cost of importation, and is selling at correspondingly low rates. Such an opportunity may never occur again. The bargains he of fers seem to be appreciated for his mainmoth establishment is crowded from morn till night. His advertisement reads, "5,000 pairs Lace Curtains from \$1 per pair upward, at less than cost of

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GRATITUDE IS THE memory of the LORD BYRON, in reference to a beautiful lady,

rote to a friend—"Lady — has been dan-erously ill, but now she is dangerously well American belles, when attacked by ny of the ills that flesh is heir to, may be kept illing, and avoid being killed by taking Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription," which banishes feminine weaknesses, and restores the bloom of health. By all druggists.

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> BAD FOR THE BOYS, -Easton, Pa., counts up twenty-five boys who have



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